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Food Establishment Licenses for Medical Marijuana Dispensary Infusion Kitchens

Guidance Document for Dispensaries

Before preparing, selling, or dispensing marijuana-infused edible food products (edibles), a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary must obtain written authorization from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to prepare, sell, or dispense edibles. To obtain written authorization from ADHS, the dispensary must submit the following to the Arizona Medical Marijuana Program via email (M2dispensaries@azdhs.gov) or mail (ATTN: Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program, P.O. Box 19000, Phoenix, AZ, 85005):

1. ADHS Food Establishment License Application (for Medical Marijuana Dispensary Infusion Kitchens)
2. Facility and Operating Plans, including:
 - a. Intended Menu;
 - b. Anticipated volume of food to be stored, prepared, and sold or served;
 - c. Proposed layout of the area designated as the infusion kitchen, mechanical schematics, construction materials, and finish schedules;
 - d. Proposed equipment types, manufacturers, model numbers, locations, dimensions, performance capacities, and installation specifications;
 - e. Evidence that standard procedures that ensure compliance with the requirements of 9 A.A.C. 8, Article 1 are developed or are being developed; and
 - f. Other information that may be required by ADHS for the proper review of the proposed construction, conversion or modification, and procedures for operating a food establishment.

The dispensary is liable for the content and quality of any edible food products sold or dispensed by the dispensary. As per A.A.C. R9-17-319(2) and (4), marijuana-infused edible food products must be prepared, sold, and dispensed according to the applicable requirements in 9 A.A.C. 8, Article 1. Furthermore, the dispensary is responsible for ensuring that all dispensary agents that prepare marijuana-infused edible food products are familiar with safe food handling practices and abide by all applicable regulations, including, but not limited to 9 A.A.C. 8, Article 1 and the Arizona Food Code. The Department strongly encourages all dispensary agents that prepare marijuana-infused edible food products to obtain a food handlers card from their local county health department and to have at least one certified food manager.

For more information about food safety regulations in Arizona, please visit the ADHS Food Safety and Environmental Services website at www.azdhs.gov/phs/oe/fes.

NOTE: If edibles are sold at (but not prepared by) your dispensary, you must maintain at your dispensary a copy of the current written authorization to prepare marijuana-infused edible food products that was issued to the dispensary that prepares the edibles.